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REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on the Environment
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Subject:	Priority Substances in Water: Follow-up to the WPE on 3 September 2024 – Presentation and CALL FOR COMMENTS

Delegations will find attached the Commission's Presentation displayed at the WPE meeting on Priority Substances in Water held on 3 September 2024.

As announced, delegations are kindly requested to send comments on the EP Amendments by using the attached table. The filled-in table should be sent to the Presidency

([REDACTED] ; [REDACTED] ; [REDACTED]) and to the Commission (envwater@ec.europa.eu; [REDACTED]), with copy to the Council's Secretariat ([REDACTED] ; [REDACTED] ; environment@consilium.europa.eu) by **30 September 2024**.

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Integrated Water Management

Position of the EP on COM proposal summarised by DG ENV, COM

Council WPE meeting

3 September 2024

EP Resolution 24 April 2024

Large consensus: 452 votes in favour, 43 against, 83 abstentions

Summary of position:

Broad support for most of the elements of the COM proposal, including:

- main deadlines
- yearly submission of monitoring and status data,
- delegated acts to set EU standards for national pollutants
- all the substances including total pesticides in SW

Amendments mostly aimed at strengthening data collection, public participation, transboundary cooperation and environmental protection

EP on the WFD and horizontal issues (i)

Did not support:

- **delegated acts** to identify SW **priority substances** and **GWD Annex I pollutants** and **standards** for them (although one Committee was supportive during the earlier discussions)
- **implementing acts** for technical specifications and standardised monitoring methods (delegated acts instead, but implementing acts OK for reporting formats)
- **Deletion of Article 16** including deletion of the **20-year timeline** for phasing out **PHS** emissions
- **Deletion of the progress report** on implementing Programmes of Measures
- **Streamlining of reporting on inventory of emissions** (EP keeps inventory as it is, and adds obligation to make available electronically and to include also emissions reported to IEP)

EP on the WFD and horizontal issues (ii)

Key amendments:

- specific provisions on **access to justice**
- **emergency communication**/response arrangements in **international RBDs**
- requirement for **RBMPs to include** a summary of **measures to digitise monitoring** of water sector
- **revision** of lists of pollutants **every 4 instead of every 6 years**
- prioritisation of **source control** over end-of-pipe measures
- **assessment of scope for real-time (online) monitoring**, with **implementing act** setting out standards
- **rejection of incomplete RBMPs**

EP on the WFD and horizontal issues (iii)

Key amendments:

- **stricter** standards/threshold values if necessary for **protected areas**
- **impact assessment (IA) on extended producer responsibility (EPR)**
mechanism to fund monitoring
- establishment of **European Monitoring Facility** if wanted by MS
- inclusion of **mobility** in definition of PHS

EP on the GWD (i)

Key amendments:

- reference to **criteria** for assessing **GW ecological status**, and to setting **thresholds 10x lower than EQS for SW** (unless otherwise indicated)
- prompt **information to citizens** re the setting of **threshold values** for substances of national/regional/local concern
- report from COM re **national threshold values one year after** MS have sent to ECHA
- **watch list: minimum 5 and no cap** on maximum **numbers of substances** (or **indicators**); methods for **microplastics** and **ARGs** within **18 months**; **more frequent update** if necessary; consideration of **energy transition**; possible inclusion of **sulphates**; **more monitoring stations**
- COM to publish **assessment** of chemical status in **karst/ex-industrial/contaminated** areas

EP on the GWD (ii)

Key amendments:

- requirement for **stricter threshold values** if needed to protect **GW-dependent** aquatic and terrestrial **ecosystems**
- **stricter (2-fold) quality standard (QS)** for **pesticides and relevant metabolites etc** (0.05 and 0.25 µg/l instead of 0.1 and 0.5 µg/l for individual and total) **pending review**
- **stricter QS** for non-relevant metabolites (**nrMs**) of pesticides: 0.1 µg/l (individual) and 0.5 µg/l (total) instead of up to 5 µg/l (individual) or 12.5 µg/l (total)
- **stricter (10-fold) QS** for **carbamazepine** and **total pharmaceuticals** (0.025 instead of 0.25 µg/l)
- delegated powers for COM to set **quality standards (QS) for total PFAS**
- technical guidelines on **monitoring total PFAS**

EP on the EQSD (i)

Key amendments:

- **inventory of emissions** in electronic database accessible to **public**
- **biennial assessment** of whether measures will **achieve EQS** for all **PS** and **emissions phase-out for PHS**
- taking account of **cumulative effects** in **risk assessment**
- **delegated acts** for **effect-based-methods** (EBMs) for **additional effects**, following report from COM on **reliability** of EBMs for estrogens
- **obligation** on MS to present **deviation from EQS** in **RBMPs**
- **watch list: minimum 5** and **no cap** on maximum **numbers of substances** (or **indicators**); methods for **microplastics** and **ARGs** within **18** months; **more frequent update** if necessary; consideration of **energy transition**; possible inclusion of **sulphates, xanthates** and **nrMs**

EP on the EQSD (ii)

Key amendments:

- technical guidelines on **monitoring total bisphenols**, and delegated powers for COM to set environmental quality standard (**EQS**) for **total bisphenols**
- stricter EQS for **atrazine**: 0.1 µg/l and 0.01 µg/l instead of 0.6 and 0.6 µg/l
- stricter EQS for **glyphosate**: 0.1 and 0.01 µg/l instead of 0.1 (drinking water sources) or 86.7 µg/l (other inland waters) and 8.67 µg/l in other SWs
- EQS for **total pharma** – AA-EQS for inland/other SWs of 0.25 and 0.025 µg/l
- delegated powers for COM to set **quality standards (QS)** for **total PFAS**
- technical guidelines on **monitoring total PFAS**

EP on the recitals (i)

Additional recitals on:

- protecting water to preserve **ecosystems** and ensure **access to clean water**, with reference to 8th EAP, distribution of costs, and to polluter pays principle
- **EEA findings** (various reports) including on main sources of pollution
- **Fitness Check findings**, inc. challenge due to high proportion of exemptions, importance of restoration and connectivity for ecosystem services
- need for **synergistic and innovative monitoring** approaches
- **ECHA to cooperate with EMA** on threshold values for pharmaceuticals
- need to ensure adequate protection in face of increased **mining operations**
- water scarcity, **climate change**, extreme weather and risk to agriculture and from conflict in certain regions

EP on the recitals (ii)

Additional recitals on:

- **incentives for farmers** to improve water management inc. irrigation methods
- reported decreases in **pesticide use and risk**, but the need to monitor pesticides and their metabolites and impact/ecotox fate
- **future review of the QS for pesticides** (individual and total) in the GWD
- the need for **research and innovation** to prevent pollution and improve the **sustainability of agriculture**, and to consider the risks to it from microplastics
- the need to consider **regional diversity** when aiming for zero pollution, but also to **harmonise** monitoring and control measures
- **mainstreaming** water management into water-using policy areas, e.g. water issues into CAP strategic plans to ensure coherence
- monitoring **AMR in slaughterhouse wastewater**

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Thank you for your attention

Table for comments – Priority substances

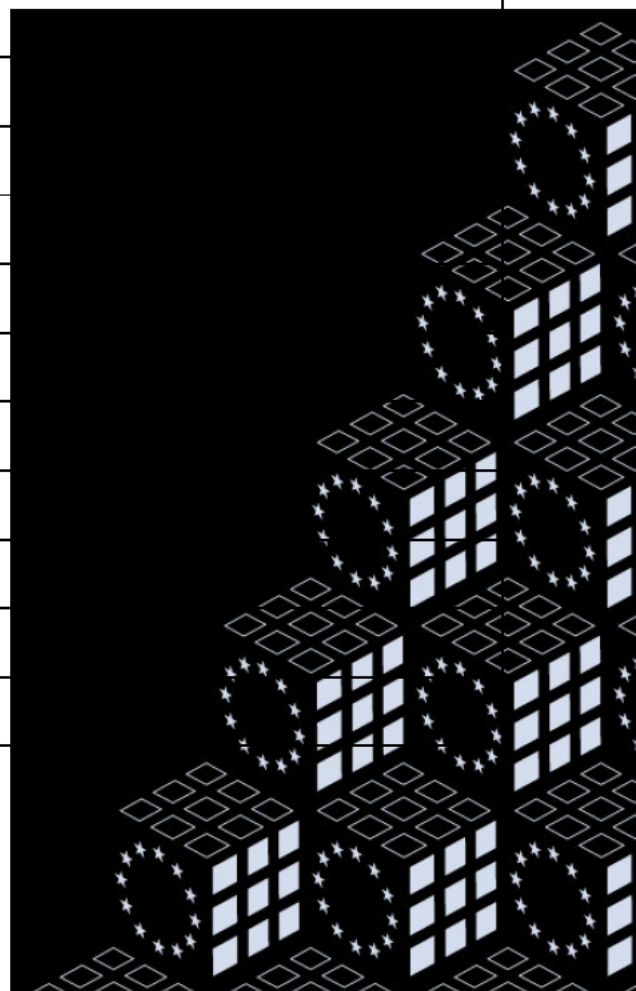
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